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Dear Colleague:

As you know, the Journal of American History now features reviews of films each year in the December issue. The film review section of the Journal, has attracted considerable interest within the historical profession, and we have been very pleased with the responses. Now we are making preparations for this year's issue.

In seeking reviewers, we do not look particularly for historians who have written about film. Rather, we seek scholars whose research interests and general expertise relate to the themes addressed in the films.

If you can review the film mentioned below, please send me a note as soon as possible, and I will arrange to send you a half-inch VHS video tape. The deadline for receiving reviews is August 1. Reviews of individual films should stay within the general guidelines that apply to book reviews in the Journal -- about 450 words. Usually, we allow greater length for reviews of film series or reviews of some major Hollywood films.

Please decline this invitation if you served as an adviser for the film.

If you cannot review the film, could you kindly recommend other reviewers and briefly mention their institutional affiliation?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Brent Toplin

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Editor, Film Reviews

The film we would like you to review is:

Who was Lee Harvey Oswald?
— a PBS documentary